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# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

## 2018 /2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**COURSE CODE:           ENG 211**

**COURSE TITLE:         ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY**

**DATE: 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

**TIME: 9.00 AM – 12.00 PM**

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### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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**ENG 211: ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY**

**STREAM: BED (Arts)**

**DURATION: 3 Hours**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- i. Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.
- ii. Do not write on the question paper.

**Question One**

- a) The definition of the word has for a long time been a problem for linguistic theory. In light of *four* criteria for defining the term 'word', discuss this assertion. (8 Marks)
- b) Giving relevant examples, explain each of the following terms used in morphology:
  - i. Free morpheme (3 Marks)
  - ii. Bound morpheme (3 Marks)
  - iii. Allomorphs (3 Marks)
  - iv. Suppletion (3 Marks)
- c) Study the following words carefully:
  - A boy
  - Apple
  - Atypical
  - AWOL.
  - i) In which of them should 'a' be treated as a bound morpheme? (2 Marks)
  - ii) Account for the other appearances of 'a' in the other words in the list above. (3 Marks)
- d) Determine the morphological processes that gave rise to each of the following words:
  - i. Skin (as a verb)
  - ii. Deca
  - iii. Brexit
  - iv. Teeny- weeny
  - v. Cohere (5 Marks)

**Question Two**

- a) Using 3 examples in each case, describe any **THREE** word formation processes in the English language. (15 Marks)
- b) Using any two illustrations in each case, differentiate between a lexeme and a word form. (5 Marks)

**Question Three**

- a) Using adequate examples, comment on the notion that in English, inflectional affixes are predictable in their distribution while derivational affixes are rarely predictable. (14 Marks)
- b) Giving examples, differentiate between lexical morphemes and functional morphemes. (6 Marks)

**Question Four**

- a) Identify the morphemes in each of the following words:
- i. Impolitely
  - ii. Deconstructionism
  - iii. Uneconomically
  - iv. Hypersensitivity
  - v. Underdevelopment (15 Marks)
- b) Carefully study the prefixes in the words in (a) above. Provide one word in each case that uses each of the prefixes you have identified. (5 Marks)

**Question Five**

- a) Explain each of the following terms used in morphology and give two examples of each.
- i. Stem
  - ii. Base
  - iii. Root (6 Marks)
- b) Briefly describe the notion 'derivation' with reference to morphology. (10 Marks)
- c) Using illustrations, briefly state the difference between agglutinating and isolating languages. (4 Marks)

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